

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An isolated antibody that specifically binds YKL-40.

Claim 2 (Original): The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

Claim 3 (Original): The antibody of claim 1, wherein said antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The antibody of any one of claims 1, 2, or 3 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said antibody is labeled with a detectable label.